

Abstract

Criminal liability for sports injuries

The master thesis inquires into issues in respect of criminal responsibility for sports-related injuries. The author focuses on historical development of responsibility for sports injuries in the initial stage of the paper, as well as on general delimitation of sports and its segmentation. The goal of the following chapter is to present an interconnection between sports and law, particularly to illustrate relation between sports and criminal law on several diverse approaches of legal doctrine. The subsequent part of the paper analyses the topic of criminal responsibility of an athlete for injuries inflicted to another athlete from the perspective of legislation, sports-legal doctrine and practice of the court. The emphasis is placed on individual requirements for criminal responsibility, elements of crime and a listing of specific crimes relevant for the field in question. The crucial part of the paper rests in application of the particular circumstances excluding criminal responsibility in the field of sports injuries in the context of the legal doctrines, which appear during historical development. The author addresses specific legal doctrinal theories and endeavours to reflect the ascertained findings in the Czech criminal law. The thesis does not omit relevant practice of the court in the Czech Republic, with emphasis on one specific revolutionary court decision. The paper is concluded with comparison with foreign countries, in the course of which the author demonstrates specific approaches of some countries to the topic in question on examples from practice of the court and legal theory.

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